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Excise Police Officers Step-Up Patrols in Broad Ripple

INDIANAPOLIS (Aug. 19) – Indiana State Excise Police officers have stepped up their presence in Broad Ripple as a result of recent events in the area.

Excise officers issued 14 citations in the Broad Ripple area this weekend. Ten people were cited for possession of false IDs. Two were ticketed for illegal consumption of alcohol. One adult was cited for furnishing alcohol to a minor. And officers issued one traffic ticket.

Excise police officers also issued eight warnings for minor in tavern, two warnings for furnishing alcohol to a minor, two warnings for illegal possession of alcohol and one warning for possession of false ID.

Broad Ripple residents and business owners have expressed concerns about the increased numbers of people in the area on weekends. As a result, excise officers have stepped-up their enforcement there and are working in conjunction with IMPD and IFD to ensure public safety.

Next week, excise officers, who make up the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission, will expand their Intensified College Enforcement, or ICE, program to include Butler University. That means more excise officers will patrol Broad Ripple bars. They will also work around area liquor stores, drug stores and grocery stores that sell alcohol as part of the ICE initiative.

The ICE program, which aims to reduce underage use of alcohol, focuses on six college campuses: Ball State, Butler, Indiana, Indiana State, Notre Dame and Purdue.

While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.